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H. R. 2751

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ETHERIDGE (for himself, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. SCHROCK, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. SPRATT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “General Shelton Con-
5 gressional Gold Medal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) General Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the
2 Joint Chiefs of Staff, the principal military adviser
3 to the President, the National Security Council, and
4 the Secretary of Defense, has displayed an extraor-
5 dinary degree of leadership, competence, and profes-
6 sionalism fulfilling his statutory responsibilities
7 throughout Operation Allied Force.

8 (2) The leadership, competence, and profes-
9 sionalism of General Shelton and his subordinates,
10 officers, and noncommissioned officers have instilled
11 great confidence and pride in the Armed Forces of
12 the United States.

13 (3) General Shelton and his subordinates bril-
14 liantly planned and coordinated at the national level
15 the most successful air campaign in the history of
16 war fighting.

17 (4) General Shelton's leadership, foresight, and
18 determination were directly responsible for ensuring
19 that proper military force was applied to bring about
20 decisive military victory without a single allied com-
21 bat casualty in Kosovo in 1999.

22 (5) The superb coordination among North At-
23 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces and the
24 unique and exceptional command arrangements
25 which produced the highly effective chain of com-

1 mand within NATO are directly attributed to the
2 military competence and extraordinary leadership of
3 General Shelton.

4 (6) As the principal military adviser to the
5 President of the United States, the National Secu-
6 rity Council, and the Secretary of Defense, General
7 Shelton's clear and farsighted assessments, judg-
8 ments, recommendations, and determination were in-
9 valuable and instrumental in the unprecedented mili-
10 tary victory against the forces of Slobodan Milosevic.

11 (7) General Shelton's distinction as a "soldier's
12 soldier", as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
13 and throughout his military service, including com-
14 mand of the Special Operations Command, the 18th
15 Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, heli-
16 copter forces in Operation Desert Storm, and special
17 forces Green Berets in Vietnam, serves as an inspi-
18 ration to the Congress and the people of the United
19 States, a grateful Nation.

20 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

21 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
22 authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Gen-
23 eral Henry H. Shelton a gold medal of appropriate design
24 in recognition of his exemplary performance as a military
25 leader in coordinating the planning, strategy, and execu-

1 tion of the United States and NATO combat action and
2 his invaluable contributions to the United States and to
3 the successful return to peace in the Balkans as Chairman
4 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
6 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
7 of the Treasury (hereafter referred to in this Act as the
8 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
9 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
10 Secretary.

11 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

12 The Secretary may strike bronze duplicates of the
13 gold medal struck pursuant to section 3, under such regu-
14 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, and may sell such
15 bronze duplicates at a price sufficient to cover the cost
16 thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
17 and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

18 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

19 Medals struck pursuant to this Act are national med-
20 als for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States
21 Code.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
2 **OF SALE.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$30,000 to
5 carry out section 3.

6 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALES.—Amounts received from
7 sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 4 shall be
8 credited to the appropriation made pursuant to the au-
9 thorization provided in subsection (a).

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